

MAY WARD OFF GREAT STRIKE

President Wilson's Plan Urges An Eight Hour Day

Executive Will Make Patriotic Appeal To Employees

Washington, Aug. 17.—President Wilson has submitted a definite plan for settlement of the threatened nationwide railroad strike to representatives of the managers and employees.

Although administration officials said negotiations would be continued until a peaceful solution was found, the outcome of the president's mediation is expected to depend largely upon the attitude of the two sides toward the plan he has drawn up.

The proposition framed by the president following conferences with the managers and employees since Monday morning proposes that the railways should concede the eight hour work day with an agreement that it should be observed. Later it probably will be proposed that a federal commission, appointed by the president, or created by congress, investigate all problems which have arisen during the present discussion.

The chief obstacle in the way of acceptance of the plan lies in the insistence of the railroad managers on arbitration and their opposition to an eight hour day and in the demand of the employees for extra pay of time and one-half for overtime. Whether the two sides will give in on these points constituted the chief danger in the situation.

Outlook is Encouraging.

The general committee of the employees, including 640 representatives of the trainmen and engineers on the 225 railroad systems of the country have arrived here in response to a summons by their subcommittee which has been meeting with their president.

ASKS LANSING TO EXPLAIN TREATY

Committee Wants to Know About Concessions In West Indies.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Secretary Lansing was asked to appear Friday before the senate foreign relations committee to answer questions relating to the treaty for purchase of the Danish West Indies. The committee, at its first meeting to consider the treaty, decided a personal explanation from the secretary would be necessary to satisfy some of the members regarding details relating to business concessions in the islands and to the purchase price.

Some of the senators of the committee, although they favor purchasing the islands, believe the \$25,000,000 asked by Denmark is exorbitant, especially in view of the fact that she offered to sell them for \$5,000,000 in 1902.

The committee will question Mr. Lansing particularly about business concessions, which the United States by the terms of the convention proposes to maintain. Among these are a license to a company giving it right to drain, deepen and utilize certain areas in St. Thomas harbor and preferential rights as to commercial, industrial or shipping establishments in the harbor. Included also are references to a concession to the Floating Dry Dock company of St. Thomas, relating to the floating dock in the harbor there; subsidies to the West India and Panama Telegraph company, and various other business concessions.

dent. The general committee has plenary powers to accept or reject any suggestion. The men, although refraining from discussing the plan of the president, said they thought the outlook encouraging for a settlement. Late today the president will meet the entire general committee of 640 in the east room of the white house and lay before them his plan. He will accompany it with a statement, appealing to their patriotism, and urging a compromise in the interests of the people of the nation. Mr. Wilson will make practically the same statement to the managers, paying particular attention to the points he feels the managers should concede.

The president is depending largely on public opinion to force a settlement. Should the present method of procedure seem about to fail, it was thought probably that he would take the public into his confidence.

Petitions from unorganized railroad workers protesting against a general strike continued to arrive at the white house. The president also received letters and telegrams from many individuals and organizations urging him to do his utmost to prevent a tieup of the country's railroads. Members of congress keep in close touch with the situation, although it was understood no determined effort toward congressional action would be taken unless recommended by the president or unless his efforts to avert a strike should fail.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT

Rainfall Has Benefited Corn Crop in Ohio and Indiana.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Damage by blight and rust continued on late sown spring wheat in the northern part of the spring wheat area and extended into northeastern Montana, although the extension of rust damage was checked somewhat by the cooler weather that prevailed. The weather bureau announced in reviewing crop conditions for the week.

Corn generally was benefited by the weather, except in Kansas, Oklahoma and north and west Texas, where little or no rain fell.

The rainfall was very beneficial in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, and corn, together with other crops, is responding well to the more favorable conditions. The late corn improved in Nebraska also.

Weather was more favorable for potatoes and they made good growth in most southern and western parts of the country.

Lancaster Man Suicides. Lancaster, O., Aug. 17.—Despondent over ill health, Virgil Edwards, 51, a blacksmith, hanged himself in his barn with a piece of wire. He leaves a wife and five children.

LODGE LEFT \$10,000

Delaware, O., Aug. 17.—The aged women's home and Hiram lodge No. 13 F. & A. M. are main beneficiaries under the will of the late Mrs. Sidney Moore, probated here. The will disposes of about \$80,000, of which \$30,000 goes to the aged women's home and \$10,000 to Hiram lodge, of which Mrs. Moore's husband was a prominent member.

LEADERS OF MEN AND EMPLOYERS IN WHITE HOUSE RAILROAD CONFERENCE



STEFANSSON TO STAY IN THE ARTIC REGIONS

Nome Alaska, Aug. 17.—Six members of the Vilhjalmur Stefansson arctic expedition who arrived here on their power schooner, Alaska, related their experiences in the polar regions during the last three years. They said Stefansson, who remained in the Arctic to continue his work of exploring newly discovered land north of Prince Patrick land, probably would not return to civilization during the present season.

All of the party which left here on the Alaska in July, 1913, returned with the exception of Daniel Blue, engineer, who died at Bailey Island in May, 1915.

Mr. Wilkins, photographer with the expedition, learned from Stefansson that the new land which the explorer discovered may be described as a second Greenland. Up to the time that Stefansson left the land, after his memorable trip across the sea with Storaker S. Storkerson and Ole Anderson, the explorer traced about 200 miles of its shore line, and found high mountains upon it. Mr. Wilkins says that it was Mr. Stefansson's intention to return to the new land last spring to continue the work of exploration.

Arrest Alleged Counterfeiters. New York, Aug. 17.—A conspiracy to manufacture and circulate \$1,000,000 of counterfeit silver certificates and treasury notes was frustrated here by William J. Flynn, chief of the government secret service, and several of his assistants. Eight arrests were made, after raids on a house at Grant City, Staten Island, and one in East Ninth street, this city. Complete counterfeiting outfit was found.

Sons of America Elect. Springfield, O., Aug. 17.—Harvey Lee of this city was elected state president of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America at the forty-fifth annual convention. Charles Galloway of Dayton was elected secretary. J. W. Jackson, of this city, treasurer.

COX AND WILLIS WILL ADDRESS THE VETERANS

Dayton, Aug. 17.—Representatives from twenty-one states are expected to attend a general reunion of veterans of all wars to be held here at the Soldiers' home next Sunday. Governor Willis and ex-Governor Cox will be the principal speakers. General J. Warren Kiefer of Springfield, former commander-in-chief of the National G. A. R. also will address the reunion.

The reunion was arranged for General George H. Wood, the president of all soldiers' homes in the United States and adjutant general under Governor Cox. All patriotic societies

CONVENTION OF K. G. E.

Dayton, Aug. 17.—The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Eagle was opened in this city with delegates from all parts of the state in attendance. The meeting was opened by the grand chief of Ohio, T. A. Jenkins.

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LEAVES 80 DESCENDANTS

Newark, O., Aug. 17.—Eighty descendants, including nine children, 45 grandchildren, and 30 great grandchildren survive Mrs. Anne Reinher, eighty-five, who died here. Mrs. Reinher was married three times and survived all her husbands. She was a native of France.

OVERTURNS WITH CORPSE

Tiffin, O., Aug. 16.—While driving to Findlay with the corpse of Alvin Gifford, ten, Otto Kishler, undertaker, and Edwin Yale, superintendent of the Seneca county infirmary, were seriously injured in a wreck. Their auto overturned in a ditch and Kishler was pinned under the steering wheel.

BEST MILE FOR GEERS

Columbus, Aug. 17.—When Veteran Pop Geers piloted Napoleon Direct under the wire winner of the first heat of the free-for-all here. He accomplished the first mile of his career in two minutes or better. The time for the heat was 1:59 3-4 or better.

NOMINEE HUGHES FOR PROTECTIVE TARIFF

Discusses Commercial Preparedness at Portland.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 17.—Charles E. Hughes, in an address to the Portland Advertising Club, in which he advocated commercial preparedness for European competition through the agency of a protective tariff, branded as a traitor to his country the man who sought to build up his private fortune at public expense. "The man who tries to get the better of the public for his private purse," the nominee said, "is a traitor to the government. We will go ahead and put these traitors out of business while we build up the business of the United States."

The commercial problems which the country will face after the war, Mr. Hughes said, will be greater than ever before. In speaking of preparedness, Mr. Hughes said: "I desire to see the United States holding its head erect among the peoples of the earth, not trembling, not clattering, but ready for any emergency. We have in this country opportunities that dazzle the imagination."

These, said the nominee, could best be developed under an efficient form of government in the hands of men who believed in protecting American industries. After his address, Mr. Hughes went for a four-hour automobile ride along the Columbia highway.

ALLIES DRIVE TEUTONS BACK

Strike With Terrific Force In Somme Region.

CLAIM MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

No Important Action Reported on the Eastern Front—French War Office Officially Announces That Allied Forces Have Captured the Railroad Station at Dorian on the Salonica Front.

London, Aug. 17.—The French and British, striking with terrific force in three directions on the Somme front, have stormed three miles of German trenches, driving forward at points to a depth of 300 to 500 yards.

The most important gains were made by the British and French troops striking north from the point where the allied lines meet. Maurepas and Clercy, two of the most important points held by the Germans in this sector, have been flanked on both sides, according to the official statement issued by Paris. The road has also been reached between Maurepas and Guillemont, the latter town being the immediate objective of the British. This advance, if maintained, brings the allies directly in front of the large railroad town of Comblès.

South of the Somme the French stormed German trenches over a length of about three quarters of a mile, driving forward in a southerly direction from Belloy-En-Santerre. Paris reports that a considerable number of prisoners were taken in these operations.

For the first time in many days no important action is reported from the Russian front and the same dearth of news prevails in regard to the Italian operations.

Take Railroad Station.

Paris, Aug. 14.—The allied forces on the Salonica front have captured the railroad station at Dorian and four villages at other points on the front, according to an official statement by the French war office. The statement covers continuous fighting extending from Aug. 1 to the present time.

Delayed.

"Henry," said his wife reproachfully, "do you know that it was 3 o'clock when you came home this morning?" "You are mistaken, my dear," he replied. "It was just 1:30. I looked at the clock on the church tower as I passed the corner."

"Far be it from me to doubt your word, Henry," answered his wife, "but if that is the case it must have taken you an hour and a half to open the front door."—Exchange.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

EAST BUFFALO, Aug. 17. Cattle—Shipping steers, \$8 50@10 00; butcher steers, \$7 00@8 50; heifers, \$6 50@8 00; cows, \$4 50@7 75; bulls, \$4 00@5 25; fresh cows and springers, \$6 00@11 00; calves, \$4 50@12 50. Hogs—Heavy, \$10 75@12 50; mixed, \$10 75@12 50; Yorkers, \$9 75@10 50; pigs, \$9 75; roughs, \$9 25@9 50; stage, \$4 50@6 00. Sheep and lambs—Yearlings, \$5 50@9 50; ewes, \$5 00@8 25; lambs, \$4 00@7 75; mixed, \$7 75@8 50; lambs, \$7 00@11 25. Receipts—Cattle, 500; hogs, 3,000; sheep and lambs, 800; calves, 150.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17. Cattle—Native beef steers, \$6 00@10 00; cows and heifers, \$4 00@9 50; stockers and feeders, \$5 25@7 50; calves, \$10 50@12 75. Hogs—Light, \$10 00@10 75; mixed, \$9 50@10 75; heavy, \$10 40@10 75; roughs, \$9 50@10 40; pigs, \$5 50@9 50. Sheep and lambs—Ewes and weathers, \$4 75@5 75; yearlings, \$6 75@8 40; lambs, \$8 50@11 00. Receipts—Cattle, 17,000; hogs, 22,000; sheep and lambs, 18,000.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 17. Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$8 25@8 75; butcher steers, \$7 50@8 25; heifers, \$6 50@7 50; bulls, \$5 00@6 25; cows, \$5 00@6 25; choice calves, \$12 50@12 75. Hogs—Yorkers, heavy and mediums, \$10 65; pigs, \$10; roughs, \$9 15; stage, \$8 50. Sheep and lambs—Choice ewes, \$6 50@7 25; lambs, \$7 50@10 50. Receipts—Cattle, 300; hogs, 1,000; sheep and lambs, 100; calves, 150.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 17. Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$8 25@8 75; butcher steers, \$7 50@8 25; heifers, \$6 50@7 50; bulls, \$5 00@6 25; cows, \$5 00@6 25; choice calves, \$12 50@12 75. Hogs—Yorkers, heavy and mediums, \$10 65; pigs, \$10; roughs, \$9 15; stage, \$8 50. Sheep and lambs—Choice ewes, \$6 50@7 25; lambs, \$7 50@10 50. Receipts—Cattle, 1,200; hogs, 3,400; sheep and lambs, 1,000.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 17. Cattle—Steers, \$5 50@8 75; heifers, \$5 00@7 50; cows, \$5 00@7 50; calves, \$10 00@12 50. Hogs—Packers and butchers, \$10 45@10 75; common to choice, \$7 00@9 50; pigs and lights, \$6 00@7 50. Sheep and lambs—Sheep, \$2 50@3 75; lambs, \$4 00@5 00. Receipts—Cattle, 1,200; hogs, 3,400; sheep and lambs, 1,000.

BOSTON, Aug. 17. Wood—Ohio and Pennsylvania fescue: Delaine washed, 29 1/2¢; half blood combing, 28¢; three-eighths blood combing, 45¢; Delaine unwashed, 35¢@36¢. TOLEDO, Aug. 17. Wheat, 21 1/2¢; corn, 8 1/2¢; oats, 4 1/2¢; clover seed, 10 20¢.

PLAN IS HELD UP

Early Adjournment Of Congress Seems Improbable

Owen Insists on Action on Corrupt Practices Bill.

MEASURE NOT ON PROGRAM

Administration Leaders May Appeal to President to Aid in Clearing the Way for Shipping, Revenue and Workmen's Compensation Bills. Senate Adjourns Without Taking a Vote on Shipping Bill.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Republican senate leaders and Senator Owen, Democrat, tied the legislative situation in the senate into a hard knot threatening the plans of the administration leaders to expedite the shipping, workmen's compensation and revenue bills and assure an early adjournment of congress.

The obstacle interposed was the Owen corrupt practices bill to limit and regulate political campaign contributions. The Democrats did not include the measure in their legislative program but Senator Owen wants it passed and the Republican leaders want definite assurances of its postponement until the December session.

When Senator Fletcher sought an agreement to vote on the shipping bill the Republican leaders demanded in return a promise from the administration forces that the corrupt practices bill would not be pressed to a vote before adjournment. Most of the Democrats were willing to give such a promise, inasmuch as the bill was not in the imperative program. They found Senator Owen, however, determined to call up his bill some time before adjournment and to demand a vote on it, no matter what the result might be.

Sensor Owen's attitude resulted in a declaration by the Republicans that they would not agree to any unanimous consent requests to fix a time for voting on either the shipping or revenue bills. Senator Owen thereupon announced that he also would refuse unanimous consent on request to fix a time to vote on the other bills as long as opposition to taking up his bill persisted.

This was the tangled situation when the senate adjourned without a vote on the shipping bill. Some administration leaders thought President Wilson might have to be appealed to if the way were to be cleared for the shipping, revenue and workmen's compensation bills, which would complete the legislative program. If Senator Owen and Republican leaders remain determined it was declared congress may be held in session indefinitely.

The revenue bill was reported from the finance committee, but the present plan is to pass both the shipping and workmen's compensation bills before it is taken up.

The \$315,000,000 naval appropriation bill has entered the final legislative stage. Senate and house conferees resumed their discussions of the comparatively minor items remaining in disagreement with prospect of a final report to both houses within a few days. Following acceptance by the house of the senate's building and personnel increases, the senate agreed to another conference on the smaller items still in dispute, and the conferees held an hour's session. No agreement was reached.

Germans Aid Austrians.

Paris, Aug. 17.—It is reported that Germany is taking over the defenses of Triest, sending troops especially organized for that purpose, says a dispatch to the Temes from Milan.

CARTER IS PRESIDENT

Cedar Point, O., Aug. 17.—The Ohio Police Association, in session here elected Chief C. E. Carter, Columbus, president, and Chief W. S. Rowe of Cleveland, vice president, and re-elected ex-Chief James Stambarger of East Cleveland secretary-treasurer.